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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for the year 1960.

Westhoughton Urban District Council.

Public Health Committee.

Chairman: Councillor Mrs W. Kettle.

Vice Chairman: Councillor R. Greenhalgh.

Councillors:-

Mrs E. A. Ashworth	H. Booth.
H. Green.	C. Howarth.
F. J. Kettle.	A. G. Woods.

Public Health Officers of the Authority.

Medical Officer of Health:

Ellis Taylor, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Chief Public Health Inspector:

Wilson Scott Astall	R.S.H. Certificates Public Health Inspector. Meat and Other Foods and Smoke Inspector.

Additional Public Health Inspector:

Walter F. Maling	R.S.H. Certificates Public Health Inspector and Meat and Other Foods.

Clerical Assistant:

Miss A. Sharrock.

Cleansing Foreman:

Albert Chadwick.

Public Health Department,
Town Hall,
Westhoughton.

To the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present, for your information and consideration, the Annual Report on the health and sanitary circumstances of the Urban District of Westhoughton for the year, 1960.

STATISTICS

The estimated population of the district in 1960 was 15,630, an increase of 170 on the figure ascertained for 1959.

During the year a total of 263 births were registered, of which 12 were still born, so that the Live Birth Rate for the year under review is 16.7 as against 14.4 the previous year, and the Still Birth Rate 45.6 as against 18.3 in 1959.

Unfortunately four infants failed to survive to their first birthday, giving an Infantile Mortality Rate of 8.0 for the year, compared with six deaths and a rate of 23.4 in the previous year.

I am pleased to be able to report that there has been no maternal death. The Maternal Mortality Rate, therefore, remains at nil.

The number of deaths, from all causes, was 192, giving a Crude Death Rate of 12.3 and an adjusted rate of 14.0.

HEALTH SERVICES

The Lancashire County Council, through its Divisional Health Scheme, 1947, has continued to provide the personal health services in the district, details of which will be found in Section B of the Report, together with certain essential information in regard to other services.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES

As previously, the sanitary circumstances in the district have been kept under supervision, details of which will be found in Section C. Progress has been maintained in relation to food hygiene. The Council's Five Year Slum Clearance Programme is nearing completion and 227 unfit houses have been dealt with under Housing Act procedure. A further 133 houses are proposed to be represented under a second Five Year Clearance Programme. There has been a considerable increase in work carried out under the Clean Air Act, 1956. A survey of two proposed Smoke Control Areas was undertaken and throughout the year a total of 642 inspections were made in connection with this work.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES (cont'd.)

A continually higher standard, in relation to most aspects of public health is rightly demanded by the Public. While, therefore, the character of public health inspection may change in that some of the grosser sanitary nuisances are tending to disappear, there is undoubtedly an overall increase in many other aspects of inspectorial work, particularly in the field of health education. Success in this field is always most rewarding and produces the most positive results.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

There has been no serious outbreak of infectious disease during the year.

Details of the various diseases concerned will be found in Section F of the report.

Yours faithfully,

E. TAYLOR,

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION A.

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

GENERAL.

Area of the district in acres	- 5,554
Population - 1960 estimated	- 15,630
Population - 1951 census	- 15,004
Number of Inhabited Houses at end of year	- 5,523
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	- 558

VITAL STATISTICS.

BIRTHS	Male	Female	Total
(a) Live Births - Legitimate	138	111	249
Illegitimate	-	2	2
	138	113	251
Live Birth Rate (Per 1,000 population) -	16.7		
(b) Still Births	9	3	12
Still Birth Rate (Per 1,000 total births) -	45.6	—	—
(c) Total Live and Still Births	147	116	263

DEATHS

(a) Infant Deaths (deaths under 1 year) - Neonatal - 2
Other - 2

(b) Infant Mortality Rates -

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	8.0
Legitimate infant deaths per, 1,000 legitimate live births	8.0
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	Nil.

(c) Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births.) 4.0

(d) Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births.) 4.0

DEATHS (cont'd.)

(e) Perinatal Mortality Rate (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and stillbirths.) 49.4

(f) Maternal Mortality

Number of deaths ..... Nil

Maternal Mortality Rate (deaths per 1,000 total live and stillbirths.) ..... Nil

(g) Cancer 25

(h) Measles ..... Nil

(i) Whooping Cough ..... Nil

(j) Bronchitis 9

(k) Tuberculosis - Pulmonary 1

Non-Pulmonary ..... Nil

(l) All Causes:-

Male 104

Female 88

Total 192

Death Rate (per 1,000 population)

(a) Crude - 12.3

(b) Adjusted - 14.0

Birth and Death Rates, together with Case Rates for certain Infectious Diseases for England and Wales for the year 1960, with corresponding figures for Westhoughton.

	Rates per 1,000 Home Population	
	England and Wales	Westhoughton.
BIRTHS:-		
Live Births	17.1	16.7
Still Births	19.7 (a)	45.6 (a)
DEATHS:-		
All Causes	11.5	14.0
Tuberculosis - (all forms)	0.075	0.06
Respiratory	0.068	0.06
Non-Respiratory	0.007	Nil
Cancer (all forms)	2.16	1.60
Lungs and Bronchus	0.48	0.19
Other Cancer	1.68	1.41
Maternal Mortality	0.39 (a)	Nil (a)
Infant Mortality	21.7 (b)	8.0 (b)
Neo-natal Mortality	15.6 (b)	4.0 (b)
NOTIFICATIONS (Corrected)		
Typhoid Fever	0.002	Nil
Paratyphoid Fever	0.005	Nil
Meningococcal Infection	0.014	Nil
Scarlet Fever	0.703	0.44
Whooping Cough	1.268	Nil
Diphtheria	0.001	Nil
Erysipelas	0.065	0.06
Smallpox	0.000	Nil
Measles	3.482	1.21
Acute Pneumonia	0.318	0.06
Acute Poliomyelitis:-		
Paralytic	0.006	Nil
Non-Paralytic	0.003	Nil
Acute Encephalitis:-		
Infective	0.003	Nil
Post-Infectious	0.003	Nil
Dysentery	0.946	Nil
Food Poisoning	0.169	Nil
Puerperal Pyrexia	0.192	Nil
Tuberculosis:-		
Respiratory	0.462	0.18
Meninges and C.N.S.	0.004	Nil
Other	0.058	Nil

(a) Per 1,000 total (Live and Still) Births.
(b) Per 1,000 Live Births.

The following is a statement showing comparative statistics for the years 1955 - 1960.

	Live Births		Deaths (all causes)		Stillbirths		Maternal Mortality.		Infant Mortality.			
									Total		Neo-natal	
	No. registered	Rate per 1,000 pop'n.	No. registered	Rate per 1,000 pop'n.	No. registered	Rate per 1,000 total births	No. of deaths registered	Rate per 1,000 total births	No. of deaths registered	Rate per 1,000 live births	No. of deaths registered	Rate per 1,000 live births
Year 1960	251	16.7	192	14.0	12	45.6	Nil	Nil	4	8.0	1	4.0
Year 1959	214	14.4	179	13.1	4	18.3	Nil	Nil	6	23.4	1	4.7
" 1958	226	15.4	157	11.7	6	25.9	Nil	Nil	5	13.3	2	8.8
" 1957	197	13.7	197	15.0	4	34	Nil	Nil	8	20	4	20
" 1956	186	13.1	204	15.6	7	36	Nil	Nil	13	38	6	32
" 1955	182	12.8	195	13.7	7	37	Nil	Nil	9	27	4	22
Average 5 yrs. 1955 - 1959	201	13.9	186	13.8	5.6	30.2	Nil	Nil	8	24.3	3.2	17.5

The following table gives the number of deaths from the various causes, during the year - 1960.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	1	1
Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-
Syphilitic disease	1	-	1
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-
Meningococcal infections	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	-
Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	4	1	5
Malignant neoplasm, lung bronchus	3	-	3
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	1	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	5	8	13
Leukaemia aleukaemia	1	1	2
Diabetes	2	3	5
Vascular lesions of nervous system	17	8	25
Coronary disease, angina	17	7	24
Hypertension with heart disease	4	3	7
Other heart disease	14	20	34
Other circulatory diseases	7	6	13
Influenza	-	2	2
Pneumonia	6	5	11
Bronchitis	7	2	9
Other diseases of respiratory system	3	-	3
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	3	2	5
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	1	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	2	2	4
Hyperplasia of prostate	-	-	-
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-
Congenital malformations	-	-	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	4	11	15
Motor Vehicle accidents	1	-	1
All other accidents	2	2	4
Suicide	1	1	2
Total	104	88	192

SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

No material change.

SECTION B.

General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

Divisional Medical Officer

Ellis Taylor, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.,
No. 11, Divisional Health Office,
Lancashire County Council,
Leigh Road,
Leigh. Telephone: Leigh 73227/8/9.

Ambulance Service

Control Centre Telephone: Swinton 4343.
In Emergency Telephone: Farnworth 114.

Care of Children - Children Act, 1948.

Children's Committee, Lancs. C.C. - Area 9.
Area Children's Officer - Miss J. W. Cole,
89/91, Railway Road, Leigh.
Telephone: Leigh 72206.

Welfare Centre, Market Street, Westhoughton.

Telephone: Westhoughton 3139.

Clinics.

1. Antenatal and Postnatal

   Welfare Centre, Market Street, Westhoughton.
   Thursday 10.30.a.m. - 11.30.a.m.

2. Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough Immunisation.

   (a) General Practitioner Service.
   (b) Welfare Centre, Market Street, Westhoughton.
   Thursday - 2.0.p.m. - 4.0.p.m.

3. Vaccination against Smallpox or poliomyelitis (by appointment)

   (a) General Practitioner Service.
   (b) Welfare Centre, Market Street, Westhoughton.

4. Child Welfare

   Welfare Centre, Market Street, Westhoughton.
   Tuesday and Thursday 2.0.p.m. - 4.0.p.m.

5. Ophthalmic (by appointment)

Welfare Centre, Market Street, Westhoughton.
Wednesday - 9.0.a.m.

6. Chiropody

Welfare Centre, Market Street, Westhoughton.
Monday 9.30.a.m.

7. Orthopaedic (by appointment)

School Health Clinic, Jones Street, Horwich.
1st Wednesday each month.

8. Relaxation and Exercises Class for Expectant Mothers

Welfare Centre, Market Street, Westhoughton.
Tuesday 10.0.a.m. - 11.30.a.m.

9. Hearing Testing (by appointment)

Welfare Centre, Market Street, Westhoughton.

10. Dental

Welfare Centre, Market Street, Westhoughton.
Wednesday 10.0.a.m. and Friday 2.0.p.m.

11. Day Nurseries

There are four nurseries in the division intended primarily for children from nine months to five years, whose mothers have to go out to work because of difficult social circumstances. Application forms may be obtained from the Matron of each of the Nurseries, details of which are as follows:- LEIGH - Stone House, St. Helens Road (Leigh 72858); Cavendish Street (Leigh 73586); ATHERTON - Gloucester Street (Atherton 248); FARNWORTH - Piggott Street (Farnworth 503)

12. Family Planning Clinics

Information regarding these Clinics is obtainable from the Divisional Health Office.

13. School Health and Minor Ailment

School Health Clinic, Market Street, Westhoughton.
Monday and Friday mornings 9.30.a.m.

14. Tuberculosis Dispensary and Chest Clinic

(a) The Infirmary, Leigh. (Telephone: Leigh 73344)
(b) 33, Darley Street, Farnworth. (Telephone: Farnworth 63)

14. Venereal Diseases

Confidential treatment is available at the following Clinics:-

(a) Civic Centre, Bolton.
(b) St. Luke's Clinic, Duke Street, Liverpool Road, Manchester, 3.
(c) Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan.
(d) Leigh Infirmary, Leigh.

Convalescence

Under arrangements made by the Lancs. C.C. Apply to Divisional Health Office, Leigh Road, Leigh. Sick bed nursing requisites and appliances are available free on loan from the Divisional Health Office or District Nurses - Mrs Mutimer, 6, Washacre, Westhoughton. (Telephone: Westhoughton 3384.) Mrs Barge, 1, Clough Avenue, Westhoughton. (Telephone: Westhoughton 3323.)

Convalescent Treatment

Under arrangements made by the Regional Hospital Board.

Health Visiting Service

Health Visitors/School Nurses are employed full time by the Lancs. C.C. in the district.

Home Help Service

Under arrangements made by the Lancs. C.C. Apply to the Divisional Health Office, Leigh Road, Leigh.

Home Nursing Service

District Nurses are employed full time in the District by the Lancs. C.C.

Hospitals

Royal Infirmary, Bolton;
Bolton District General Hospital, Farnworth;
Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan; and other general and infectious disease hospitals situated in the area of the Regional Hospital Board.

Laboratory Facilities

Regional Hospital Laboratory facilities at Bolton and Wigan Infirmaries and the Public Health Laboratory, Manchester.

Maternity Homes

"Haslam", "Havercroft" and "Heaton Grange" Maternity Homes, Bolton. "Firs" Maternity Home, Leigh.

Mental Health

This service is a most important part of the new Health Service, and on application to the Divisional Health Office, information and help can be obtained in respect of the mentally sick and mentally subnormal.

Midwifery Service

Two full-time domiciliary midwives are employed in the district by the Lancs. C.C. The midwife resident in Westhoughton is Mrs L. E. McMahon, 149, Wigan Road, Westhoughton. (Telephone: Westhoughton 3197.)

Unmarried Mothers and Illegitimate Children

Provision for their care is made by the Lancs. C.C.

Welfare Services

Under arrangements made by the Lancs. C.C. Residential accommodation for aged or infirm persons is available at Atherleigh Grange and Hourigan House, Leigh, and the Winifred Kettle House, Westhoughton.

X-ray Facilities

Available at the Bolton and Wigan Infirmaries. Special facilities for chest X-ray at the Hospital Board's Dispensaries and Chest Clinics.

SECTION C.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Water Supply

Bolton Corporation supply Westhoughton with water which is satisfactory in regard to quality and quantity. There are several sources of supply, but the larger quantity comes from the Lake District. All water is treated before passing into supply.

Eight samples of both raw and filtered water were submitted by Bolton to full chemical analysis, and one hundred samples of raw and one hundred and one samples of filtered water to bacteriological examination. In addition, five samples were submitted by my department for bacteriological examination. Results showed filtered and treated water was of excellent quality, B. Coli being absent in all of the potable water samples tested.

Weekly tests of the water show there is no significant plumbo solvent action. No action was required to be taken in respect of any form of contamination. There are 5,681 houses supplied directly from the public mains in the district. No houses are supplied by stand-pipes.

During the year 3,816 yards of new water mains were completed and 1,323 yards renewed.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

This is largely on the combined system. There is one main sewage disposal plant at Rogers Farm and three subsidiary plants at Dicconson Lane, Dog Holes Farm and Marsh Brook. Arrangements for sewerage and sewage disposal are becoming inadequate in view of increasing development in the district and consultants have been instructed to prepare and submit to the council, a preliminary outline scheme and estimate for the provision of main drainage and sewage disposal works to serve the district, having regard to its known requirements and to probable developments arising from discussions with the Lancashire County Council and the Manchester City Council, as to the proposed increase in the resident population of the district.

Closet Accommodation

The approximate numbers and types of closet accommodation existing at the end of 1960, are shown below, the figures for the end of 1959 being shown in comparison:-

	1960	1959
Number of Privy Middens	50	51
Number of closets attached to these middens	62	65
Number of Pail Closets	39	39
Number of Dry Ashpits	-	-
Number of Moveable Ashbins	5,970	5,740
Number of Trough Closets	-	-
Number of Waste Water Closets	41	41
Number of Fresh Water Closets	5,992	5,762

Closet Accommodation (cont'd.)

Conversions during 1960:-

Number of Privy Closets to Fresh W.C.'s.	-
Number of Privy Closets to Pails	-
Number of Waste Water Closets to Fresh W.C.'s.	-
Number of premises at which moveable ashbins were substituted for fixed receptacles	-
Trough Closets to Washdown Pedestals	-

Public Cleansing

Refuse Collection and disposal is carried out by the Local Authority under the supervision of the Chief Public Health Inspector. The staggering of workmens' annual holidays again proved successful and enabled a regular collection to be maintained throughout the year. New building development again increased the number of bins to be emptied. There is an increasing tendancy for refuse to be lighter but bulkier in character and it would appear that this trend will be accentuated with the use of more efficient solid fuel appliances and the implementation of the Clean Air Act.

All refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping on the Warcock Hill Site which is centrally situated. The provision of a suitable site for this method of disposing of domestic refuse, has now become a matter of increasing importance as the life of the present Tip becomes expended and increased development takes place in the district.

A total of 375 dustbins were issued during the year under the dustbin replacement scheme, which becomes a charge on the General Rate Fund. This compares with 331 dustbins issued in the previous year.

Street scavenging is carried out under the supervision of the Engineer and Surveyor.

Salvage

The collection of waste paper was as follows:-

	Waste Paper	Loose Tins	Income
1960	104 tons 12 cwts.	-	£680
1959	94 tons 3 cwts.	-	£576

Tins have continued to be removed from the tip in the normal process of controlled tipping, but no income has been obtainable from this source.

Sanitary Inspections

	1960	1959
Premises visited	2,840	1,740
Number of visits:-	4,743	3,883
Housing and Nuisances	2,325	2,133
Factories	105	100
Infectious Diseases	14	19
Rodent Control	89	27
Offensive Trade	16	56
Schools	20	18
Shops	533	488
Slaughterhouses	279	376
Food Premises	198	322
Clean Air	642	110
Miscellaneous	522	234
Defects or Nuisances:-		
Number discovered	753	
Number abated	620	
No. of Notices Served:-		
Informal	190	
Statutory	45	

No legal proceedings were taken during the year.

Outwork

There are no outworkers in the district.

Shops and Offices

There were 533 inspections of shops carried out during the year on behalf of the Lancashire County Council. Individual contraventions of the Shops Act, 1950, relating to ventilation, temperature and sanitary accommodation noted on these inspections were dealt with informally and remedied.

Ten inspections of offices were carried out during the year, under the provisions of the Public Health Act, 1936 and contraventions were dealt with informally and remedied.

Smoke Abatement - Clean Air

Forty-two dwellings on the new council estate at Wingates became subject to smoke control in accordance with the Council's policy that in all council houses built after the 1st January, 1960, the use of smokeless fuel should be a condition of tenancy. A demonstration bungalow was opened for one week on this estate to publicise the use of smokeless fuel. Advice has been given by the Inspectors to all tenants coming on the Wingates estate, on the best method of burning smokeless fuel.

Smoke Abatement - Clean Air (cont'd.)

Preliminary surveys of Nos. 1 and 2 proposed Smoke Control Areas have been undertaken during the year. No. 1 Area consists of council houses at Daisy Hill plus an adjacent area of private development. No. 2 Area is bounded by Rosebery Street, Leigh Road, Washacre and Southfield Drive. These Areas cover between them 94 acres of land and it is anticipated when fully developed will include approximately 870 dwellings. They have been chosen largely because many of the properties concerned have firegrates already suitable for burning smokeless fuel and the Areas lie in the path of the prevailing wind and will give some benefit in preventing smoke drift, across the district.

Thirty observations of industrial chimneys were carried out during the year and several firms on the advice of the department have changed over to the partial use of smokeless fuels for steam raising.

Offensive Trades

Considerable improvement appears to have taken place in relation to a reduction of offensive odours from a fat melter's premises. Further improvements in equipment are under active consideration.

Common Lodging Houses

There are no common Lodging Houses in the district.

Swimming Baths and Pools

There are no swimming baths or pools in the district.

Disinfestation

During the year twenty-three houses were sprayed with D.D.T./Pyrethrum solution or treated with dieldrin powder, following an infestation of bugs at eleven premises and cockroaches at twelve premises. Four houses were treated with Malathion, following infestations of clover mite. Precautionary spraying of all houses vacated under the Council's Clearance Programme was carried out and thirty-eight houses were dealt with during the year.

Schools

The water supply to the schools in the area was found to be constant and sufficient, except in one case which has been brought to the notice of the Education Authority and the school concerned, for their attention. All schools now have modern type water closets and twenty inspections were carried out during the year. Regular colour washing of the conveniences is carried out.

Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951

There are no premises in the area where rag flock is manufactured, used or sold.

Rodent Control

During 1960 the work of rodent control continued, the Cleansing Foreman carrying out treatments.

All rat and mice infestations are promptly dealt with, private dwellings without conditions conducive to infestation, being treated free of charge. Treatment of business premises is charged on a basis of men's time and materials used.

One hundred and thirty-nine premises were inspected and five hundred and eight-nine visits made to property either for the purposes of survey or for dealing with infestations. One hundred and four rat infestations and seven mice infestations were found and treatment carried out. In addition, one hundred and eight inspections of agricultural properties were undertaken in the course of the year. The treatment of the sewers using warfarin poison plus a bait preservative was carried out as usual.

Moveable Dwellings

One licence was issued during the year in relation to an individual moveable dwelling occupied by one person.

SECTION D.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

Milk Supply

Dairy Farmers are now registered by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. All dairy herds in Westhoughton are now attested and free from tuberculosis.

No milk supply was diverted for heat treatment.

All milk supplied to schools is heat treated.

Under the provisions of the Milk (Special Designation Pasteurised and Sterilized Milk) Regulations, 1949/53, 92 persons were granted dealers licences to sell sterilized milk and 26 persons to sell pasteurised milk. Fourteen dealers licences for the sale of Tuberculin Tested milk were also issued.

All milk sold by retail for human consumption in the district, must be specially designated milk in accordance with provisions of the Milk (Special Designation) (Specified Areas) (No. 2) Order, 1954.

Action taken by the local authority in relation to samples taken in the district:-

(a) Raw Milk

(i) Tuberculosis - biological test.

No. of samples - No. negative - No positive -

(ii) Methylene Blue Reduction Test.

No. of samples 23 No. satisfactory 21 No. unsatisfactory. 2

(b) "Heat Treated" Milk - "Pasteurised"

(i) Phosphatase test.

No. of samples 14 No. satisfactory 14 No. unsatisfactory. -

(ii) Methylene Blue Reduction Test.

No. of samples 14 No. satisfactory 10 No. unsatisfactory. 4

"Sterilized"

(iii) Turbidity test.

No. of samples 7 No. satisfactory 7 No. unsatisfactory -

Unsatisfactory Methylene Blue Reduction Tests which relate to the keeping quality of the milk, were reported to the County Milk Production Officer for action.

Milk Supply (cont'd.)

No. of notifications of tuberculous milk forwarded to the Divisional Inspector of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries in respect of:-

(a) Milk produced in the district ..... -
(b) Milk produced in other districts ..... -

Result of Ministry investigations within the district during the year arising from notifications by the local authority:-

No. of veterinary inspections ..... -

No. of cases where animals seized under Tuberculosis Order 1938 ..... -

No. of animals seized ..... -

No. of cases reported negative where animals had been sold prior to investigations ..... -

No. of cases reported negative, no animals seized ..... -

Ice-Cream

Sixty-one premises are registered for the sale of ice-cream, which is "pre-packed" with the exception of one shop selling a "cold mix" product.

Eleven samples of ice-cream were taken during the year and ten were found to be in the provisional Grade 1 and one sample Grade II.

Shell Fish

No cases of illness due to consumption of shell fish were reported.

Food Premises

No. of food premises, by type of business , in district at end of year:-

Type of Business	No.
General grocers and provision dealers	66
Greengrocers and fruiters (incl. those selling wet fish, game etc.	17
Fishmongers (incl. those selling poultry, game etc.	1
Meat shops	15
Bakers and/or confectioners	27
Fried Fish shops	11
Shops selling mainly sugar confectionery, minerals, ice-cream etc.	7
Licenced premises, clubs, canteens, restaurants, snack bars	42

Food Premises (cont'd.)

Specifications of work necessary to secure compliance with Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960, were served on food premises and improvements particularly in relation to hand washing facilities continue to be made. Every effort was made in visiting food shops to stress the importance of cleanliness at every stage in the handling of food. The increased use of display cabinets in shops has tended to lead to improved protection of food displayed to the customer. The use of frozen food cabinets has become more common and the importance of a proper rotation of frozen food stock has been emphasised to traders.

Meat

Detailed inspections of slaughterhouses have been carried out during the year in connection with the submission of the Council's Slaughter House Report to the Ministry under the provisions of the Slaughterhouse (Hygiene) Regulation, 1958, must be complied with by all slaughterhouses operating in Westhoughton.

All carcases and offal of animals slaughtered in the district are inspected prior to sale. No premises are licenced to slaughter horses.

Meat (cont'd.)

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part:-

	Cattle excluding Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and lambs.	Pigs.
Number killed (if known)	169	18	Nil	189	1,608
Number Inspected	169	18	Nil	189	1,608
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.					
Whole Carcases condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	20	7	Nil	1	223
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.	11.8%	38.8%	Nil	0.5%	13.8%
Tuberculosis Only					
Whole carcases condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	2	1	Nil	Nil	17
Percentage of the number affected with Tuberculosis	1.1%	5.5%	Nil	Nil	1%
Cysticercosis					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	3	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Generalised and totally condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Food Condemned

The following foodstuffs were condemned and surrendered:-

Tinned Meat	143 tins	Tinned Fish	34 tins
Tinned Fruit	576 tins	Tinned Egg	3 tins
Tinned Vegetables	151 tins	Tinned Chicken	9 tins
Tinned Milk	40 tins	Tinned Soup	21 tins.
Tinned Rice Pudding	9 tins		

Food Condemned (cont'd.)

The total weight of food condemned excluding meat at Slaughterhouses was 16½ cwts.

Condemned meat is removed by arrangement and disposed of locally in Concentrators for conversion to fertilizers and tinned food is buried, under supervision, at the Council's controlled tip.

Food Poisoning

No cases of food poisoning were reported during the year.

Food and Drugs Act, 1955

The Lancashire County Council is the Food and Drugs Authority in the district. The County Medical Officer of Health has kindly supplied me with the following information:-

A total of 76 samples was obtained, consisting of 51 samples of milk (two of which were Channel Islands milk) and 25 others comprising:-

1 Tea	1 Table jelly
1 Meat pie	1 Custard Powder
1 Cough sweets	1 Compound codeine tablets
2 Camphorated oil	1 Butter
1 Fish, canned	1 Coffee and chicory essence
1 Tonic water	1 Fruit juice (lemon juice, pasteurised.)
1 Fruit juice	
1 Borax	1 Indigestion tablets
1 Almond Oil	1 Health salts
2 Gin	3 Whisky
1 Grapefruit juice	1 Arrowroot

Below are details of those samples upon which the County Analyst gave adverse reports:-

Type of Sample	Result of Analysis	Action Taken
1 Custard Powder	Salt omitted from voluntary list of ingredients.	Packers communicated with.
1 Fruit juice (lemon juice, pasteurised.)	Vitamin C content 11.8 mgmg. per fluid ounce (claimed not less than 15 mgms. per fluid ounce) and contained fungus on inside of cap and surface of liquid. Appearance of old stock.	Stock examined with a view to surrender.
1 Formal milk	Deficient 6.4% solids-not-fat. Contained 6.3% extraneous water.	Legal proceedings instituted against the producer. Producer fined £10 and £5.19.0d. costs awarded.

SECTION E.

Housing.

Statistics

Thirty-nine Council dwellings were completed during the year. These consisted of 28 x 3 bedroom houses and 11 x 1 bedroom bungalows. Forty-three houses and eight bungalows were under construction at the end of the year.

Two hundred and fourteen houses were completed during the year by private builders.

Conditions - General Observations

Of the older houses in the district most consist of the four room cottage type built in terraced rows. These are moderately well maintained, but lack such amenities as baths and hot water installations.

Quite a few of these houses are now owner-occupied and in addition to being well maintained have been considerably improved.

Sufficiency of Supply of Houses

There were 279 applicants on the Council's Housing List and of these 75 householders and 72 lodgers desired houses and 103 householders and 29 lodgers desired bungalow accommodation.

Fitness of Houses

Two thousand one hundred inspections were carried out during the year in relation to the fitness of houses. These inspections included a new survey of houses made in order to formulate a further five year clearance programme under which it is proposed to deal with 133 houses during the years 1961 to 1965. Defects were remedied at 130 dwellings as a result of the service of notices. Thirty-eight houses were represented individually as unfit for human habitation and one Clearance Area was represented consisting of five houses. Twenty-two houses were demolished and seven houses closed. Forty families were rehoused by the Council and accommodation was thus provided for one hundred and three persons.

Applications relating to five houses were submitted by private individuals to the Council for Improvement Grants under the Housing Act, 1949 and Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958 and all of these schemes were approved. Work in relation to Improvement Grants was completed at ten houses during the year.

Applications relating to Standard Grants were submitted by private individuals in relation to twenty-five houses under the provisions of the House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959. Twenty-three of these schemes were approved by the Council and work was completed at eleven by the end of the year.

One application for a Certificate of Disrepair was received under the Rent Act, 1957. Some repairs were carried out, but a Certificate was issued in relation to one item which was outstanding.

SECTION F.

Prevelence of, and Control over Infectious and other Diseases

Diphtheria

No case occurred in the district. The need to continue immunisation, however, remains.

Dysentery

No case notified.

Erysipelas

One case was notified.

Food Poisoning

This disease is notifiable under Section 26 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955. No cases were reported during the year.

Measles

A total of 19 notifications were received.

Meningococcal Infection

No case notified.

Paratyphoid Fever

No case notified.

Acute Pneumonia

One case was notified.

Poliomyelitis

No case reported.

Puerperal Pyrexia

No case reported.

Scarlet Fever

Seven cases occurred as against twenty in 1959. Again this disease was mild in character and no complications were reported.

Smallpox

No case or contact reported.

Tuberculosis

Three new cases of respiratory tuberculosis were notified during the year as against three respiratory cases and two non-respiratory cases during the previous year.

Whooping Cough

No cases of whooping cough were notified during the year.

Corrected cases of infectious diseases (other than tuberculosis) notified during the year, 1960.

	Cases notified												
	Total cases all ages	Under 1	1 to 3	3 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 25	25 to 45	45 to 65	65 and over	Age Unknown	Total Deaths	Cases removed to Hospital.
Diphtheria	-											-	-
Dysentery	-											-	-
Acute Infectious Encephalitis	.											-	-
Erysipelas	1								1			-	-
Food Poisoning	-											-	-
Measles	19	1	3	5	10							-	-
Meningococcal Infection	-											-	-
Acute Pneumonia	1						1					3	-
Polioencephalitis	-											-	-
Poliomyelitis	-											-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-											-	-
Scarlet Fever	7			6			1					-	-
Small Pox	-											-	-
Whooping Cough	-											-	-
Total	28	1	3	11	10	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-

Tuberculosis.

New Cases and Mortality during 1960.

	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory		Non-respiratory		Respiratory		Non-respiratory.	
Years	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0								
1								
5								
10								
15								
20		1						
25								
35								
45	1							
55								
65 and over	1					1		
	2	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
	3		-		1		-	

SECTION G.

Factories Acts, 1937 - 1959.

Visits to factories during the year showed that standards of sanitary accommodation are generally satisfactory. Co-operation with firms was good and legal action to enforce the provisions of the Factories Acts was found unnecessary. Cotton Spinning and Weaving; Steel Erecting; Metal Box Manufacture; Manufacturing Chemists; Paint, Raincoat and Plasterboard Manufacture are the chief industries in the area.

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1937.

Part 1 of the Act.

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors.)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
1. Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	4	4	Nil	Nil
2. Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	80	87	6	Nil
3. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority. (excluding outworkers premises.)	12	12	2	Nil
	96	105	8	Nil

Factories Acts, 1937 - 1959 (cont'd.)

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	4	4	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)				1	
a) Insufficient	1	-	-	2	-
b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2	-	-	-
c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out work.)	-	-	-	-	-
	7	6	-	3	-

Part V111 of the Act - No outworkers are employed in the district.